

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 3/8/05 RCE.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-12, 15-17, 22 and 25-28.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 14 April 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 1/18/05 & 3/8/05
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

a. Claims 1-8, 13-14 and 18-19 were canceled as withdrawn claims as per paragraph 5 of the final Office Action mailed 7/9/04.

b. In claim 9, line 11 "the detection" was changed to: --a detection--, in order to provide antecedent basis for the detection signal in the claim.

c. In claim 9, line 12 "the actual" was changed to: --an actual--, in order to provide antecedent basis for the actual signal in the claim.

d. In claim 15, line 11 "the detection" was changed to: --a detection--, in order to provide antecedent basis for the detection signal in the claim.

e. In claim 15, line 12 "the detection" was changed to: --a detection --, in order to provide antecedent basis for the actual signal in the claim.

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f. In claim 22, line 11 “the detection” was changed to: --a detection--, in order to provide antecedent basis for the detection signal in the claim.

g. In claim 22, line 12 “the detection” was changed to: --a detection--, in order to provide antecedent basis for the actual signal in the claim.

h. In claim 25, line 11 “the detection” was changed to: --a detection--, in order to provide antecedent basis for the detection signal in the claim.

i. In claim 25, line 12 “the detection” was changed to: --a detection--, in order to provide antecedent basis for the actual signal in the claim.

j. In claim 26, line 11 “the detection” was changed to: --a detection--, in order to provide antecedent basis for the detection signal in the claim.

k. In claim 26, line 12 “the detection” was changed to: --a detection--, in order to provide antecedent basis for the actual signal in the claim.

l. In claim 28, line 11 “the detection” was changed to: --a detection--, in order to provide antecedent basis for the detection signal in the claim.

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m. In claim 28, line 12 "the detection" was changed to: --a detection--, in order to provide antecedent basis for the actual signal in the claim.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric D Culbreth whose telephone number is 571/272-6668. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 9:30-7:00 alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Dickson can be reached on 571/272-6669. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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